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FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9370  
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK  
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AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR  
AMEMBASSY PARIS  
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AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE  
AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE  
AMEMBASSY CANBERRA  
AMCONSUL HONG KONG  
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CINCPAC HONOLULU HI

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: VM, JA  
SUBJECT: SRV VICE FONMIN IN TOKYO

REF: TOKYO 12130 (NOTAL)

1. SRV VICE FONMIN PHAN HIEN MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER  
SONODA FOR ONE HOUR AND WITH VICE FOREIGN MINISTER ARITA  
FOR 90 MINUTES JULY 5. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION  
HIEN TOOK MODERATE, CONCILIATORY LINE IN BOTH MEETINGS  
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WITH RESPECT TO RELATIONS WITH CAMBODIA AND PRC, AND WAS  
RATHER FORTHCOMING ON SUBJECT OF US-SRV NORMALIZATION.  
HIGHLIGHTS OF PHAN HIEN'S REMARKS TO PRESS, AND PRESS  
REPORTS OF HIEN MEETINGS WITH SONODA AND ARITA, WHICH  
APPEAR GENERALLY ACCURATE, INCLUDE FOLLOWING:

2. ON RELATIONS WITH U.S.:

HIEU TOOK POSITION THAT US-SRV NORMALIZATION WOULD BE BENEFICIAL FOR BOTH SIDES AND FOR REGION, BUT DEGREE TO WHICH THE PROCESS COULD GO FORWARD WITHOUT REFERENCE TO PRIOR CONDITIONS APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN LEFT AMBIGUOUS. PRESS REPORTED HIEU AS HAVING REFRAINED FROM CHALLENGING GOJ DESCRIPTIONS OF U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY RELATIONSHIP AS DEFENSIVE IN NATURE. PRESS ALSO CARRIES REPORTS THAT SONODA BRIEFED AMBASSADOR JULY 5.

3. ON PRC:

HIEU DENIED SRV HAD FORCIBLY EXPELLED CHINESE RESIDENTS, AND ASSERTED HANOI ATTACHED UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH PRC. HE DENIED THAT SRV HAD PRECIPITATED CONFLICT WITH PRC AND EXPRESSED HOPE PROBLEMS COULD BE SOLVED THROUGH "DIALOGUE".

4. ON CAMBODIA:

IT WAS INCONCEIVABLE, SAID HIEU, THAT SRV WOULD SEEK CONFLICT WITH CAMBODIA, WHICH HAD BEEN ITS "LONG-TIME ALLY." SRV WAS READY TO HOLD TALKS WITH PHNOM PENH TO RESOLVE DISPUTE.

5. ON USSR:

SRV ACCESSION TO CEMA REPRESENTED "NATURAL CONSEQUENCE" OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION WHICH HAD ALREADY TAKEN PLACE WITH CEMA COUNTRIES. THIS ACTION WOULD HAVE NO EFFECT ON SRV POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT IN FOREIGN POLICY. IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAINICHI INTERVIEW, HIEU DENIED THAT SRV HAD BECOME "CAPTIVE" OF SOVIETS, SAID IT HOPED TO DIVERSIFY ITS ECONOMIC RELATIONS, AND ASSERTED SUMORS THAT RUSSIANS WERE IN CAM RANH WERE TOTALLY GROUNDLESS: "THERE IS NO RUSSIAN MILITARY BASE IN OUR COUNTRY. WE HAVEN'T EVEN SUPPLIED WATER FOR RUSSIANS." MANSFIELD

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